Web Connections
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Judy discussed two different aspects of web pages
- The internet (ParkNet) - available to the public
- The NPS intranet (InsideNPS), available only to NPS employees using the NPS network

She spoke about the beginning of internet use by the NPS in approximately 1995 and the birth of ParkNet. The use of the internet during the Cerro Grande Fire in 2000 to disseminate information was very convenient; the web page received 2000 hit's a day during the time of the fire. She explained the differences between
- park profiles
- expanded websites
- ParkNet
- Natural Resource Profiles
- Inside NPS
- Password issues (only one password per park).

With the help of several handouts, Judy explained how to access and add information to the InsideNPS and Park Profile systems including text and photos. She pointed out that web design courses were available through subscription on the internet, on video and CD ROMs as well as in books. She said that she could provide a one or two day one-on-one training for individuals if she is available. Judy said she would be happy to talk to anyone who had questions about the internet and the NPS systems and that she could be reached in the Intermountain Regional Office.

Please refer to the handouts when attempting to access or change information on any of the intranet or internet web sites.

Tina Boehle
Tina debuted a new Fire Web Reporting page that she hopes to have on line by April. It will be listed as http://inside.nps.gov/fire/reporting. She passed out handouts that showed how to report a fire and the various fields of information that the system would handle. It will also allow you to see all the fires currently listed and to get data on them.

She said they had been working with Dennis-Konetzka Group, a Washington DC contractor to update the NPS Fire & Aviation website. Tina will be working with a lot of people in the NPS fire world to beta test the site and obtain feedback.